



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 09/669,118  
Applicant(s): Daigo YOSHIOKA and Masahito NIIKAWA  
For: DIGITAL CAMERA HAVING MULTIPLE IMAGES  
TAKING MODES  
Confirmation No.: 3481  
Customer No.: 24367  
Docket No.: 15162/02440  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

The following is a preliminary amendment, which is being submitted concurrently with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination.

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated August 24, 2005, which provides for a response period ending November 24, 2005.

A Petition for Extension of Time, to extend the response period for the Office Action, dated August 24, 2005, for one additional month to December 24, 2005, is being filed concurrently.

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Preliminary Amendment dated December 22, 2005  
Reply to Office Action of August 24, 2005

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: